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News Quiz

Malaya

1. What important event is scheduled to take place on August 31?
2. Briefly describe the geography of Malaya.
3. Why is this Asian land so important to the western nations?
4. Explain why Malaya is sometimes called "the melting pot of Asia."
5. How have the British and their Malayan allies met the communist threat?
6. What is the major stumbling block in the growth of national spirit in Malaya?
7. To what extent is Malaya's economy "out of balance"?
8. Describe the structure of the new government.
9. Give some of the reasons why Singapore has not been incorporated in the new nation.

Discussion

1. Do you think that the communists' chances for dominating southeastern Asia are made better or worse by Britain's decision to grant independence to Malaya? Explain.
2. Do you think it would be in Malaya's best interests to join the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization? Why, or why not?

The Polio War

1. What discovery in 1949 is sometimes called "the great turning point" in polio research?
2. How do we know that the Salk vaccine is safe and usually effective?
3. Why is it said that the victory over polio is not yet complete?
4. What is the function of antibodies in fighting polio?
5. In what countries has the polio vaccine been used most widely?
6. What was the great contribution of Dr. Jonas Salk in the anti-polio fight?
7. Why is polio sometimes called a "disease of civilization"?
8. How did the American public join the campaign against polio?
9. How was the work of Dr. Edward Jenner related to the fight against polio?

Discussion

1. Are great public campaigns, such as "The March of Dimes", still needed in the United States to raise money to fight disease? Why, or why not?
2. Should everyone in the United States up to 40 years of age be compelled by law to have polio vaccinations? What would be the advantages or disadvantages of this?

Miscellaneous

1. How long has Ceylon been an independent nation? What important tie has Ceylon kept with Britain, her former ruler?
2. What new device will greatly speed the making of charts for air navigation?
3. Who was President Carlos Castillo Armas? What important political questions were raised by his assassination?
4. In what countries is the U. S. Information Agency cutting down its activities? Why is this curtailment necessary?
5. Of the 19,500 Hungarians who fled for refuge into Yugoslavia last fall, about how many are still living there? What countries have so far accepted more of this group than the United States?
6. What group of people forced King John of England to grant the Magna Carta in the year 1215?
7. What major bill concerning schools was recently killed by the U. S. House of Representatives? How do you explain the defeat of this bill?
8. Of the total of 2,156,920 federal government employees, about what percent are women?
9. What 2 Central American countries are taking their 50-year border dispute to the International Court of Justice? Why is the disputed land held important?



THE SUN generates power to run a radio concealed in this U. S. Army helmet. With the radio, a soldier can easily receive orders while on duty.

Science in the News

While most of us are trying to keep cool this summer, scientists in Alaska are searching for ways to help men survive in extremely cold weather.

Special tests are being carried on at the Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory near Fairbanks. One project is the study of a pill designed to increase resistance to cold. The pill contains glycine, an amino-acid which causes the body to generate more heat than it would normally produce. It is hoped that the use of this pill will enable men to stay alive longer in icy water, and that it will hasten the warming of those chilled to the critical point by exposure.

So far, volunteers have taken the pill without ill effect. If the tests prove successful, the pill may be included in survival kits for service men.

In other work, the scientists are seeking to learn why some ethnic groups seem more able than others to withstand exposure to cold. Eskimos are among the groups under study. No evidence has yet been found to indicate that Eskimos are better equipped physically for cold weather than other people. The Eskimos' ability to endure cold seems to be due to acquired skills and to well-adapted diets and clothing.

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A magnetometer which greatly speeds up the process of detailed mapping is being used to chart Canada's Ontario and Quebec provinces. With the new device, the project will require less than 2 months to complete. Ground forces would have had to be in the field for 100 years to gather the information desired.

The magnetometer, carried by plane, picks up and records the strength and direction of the earth's magnetic field from the surface below. The recordings pass through a bank of electronic computers, which give instant readings in the form of numbers and graphs.

The information compiled is to be placed on navigation charts for use by aircraft navigators in determining their true positions.

The magnetometer, which weighs half a ton, was designed and built between 1950 and 1952. The invention was not announced until recently because some of the secret equipment is similar to that used in guided missiles and automatic navigation devices for aircraft.

Caesarea, once the largest city in ancient Palestine, is being reclaimed from the desert. In recent years, archeologists have uncovered statues, mosaic streets, and the ruins of splendid buildings.

King Herod the Great, of Biblical fame, founded Caesarea about 30 B. C. and named it for his patron, Augustus Caesar. Herod chose a strategic location on the Mediterranean Sea Coast about 55 miles northwest of Jerusalem.

About 250,000 people lived in Herod's Caesarea. The city was famous for its beauty, fine fruit orchards, and an oval hippodrome which seated 20,000 spectators. Aqueducts brought fresh water from a nearby river. A fine harbor was constructed by sinking stones 120 feet under the sea to form a breakwater.

Caesarea was a chief outpost of the Roman Empire. It is believed that Christ and St. Paul visited the city. For a long time, it was a principal seat of the Christian Church.

In the 12th century, Caesarea was a base for the Crusaders. It was finally destroyed in 1265.

After its destruction, the shifting desert sands buried the beautiful city. Now, archeologists are studying its ruins to learn more about ancient life.

—By ALICE HAYWOOD



SCIENTIST Paul Fields (left) of Chicago talks with Swedish Consul General Goesta Oldenburg about discovery of the new element 102. Fields worked with a team of American, British, and Swedish scientists to find the element (see *American Observer*, July 22, page 7). The plan is to call it Nobelium, in honor of the Nobel Institute for Physics in Stockholm, where the research was carried out.

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Nursing. Jan 28-8
Office management. Jan 21-8
Pharmacist. Jan 7-8
Photography. Apr 1-8
Politics. Oct 22-8
Printing. May 6-8
Salesman. Apr 8-8
Secretary. Oct 15-8
Statistician. Dec 3-8
Teaching. Nov 12-8
Tool and die industry. Sept 24-8
Traffic management. Dec 10-8
Veterinarian. May 13-7
Vocational information. May 27-5
X-ray technician. Nov 5-8
Voice of America. Feb 18-4

Washington, D. C. June 17-5
Western alliance. (See also individual countries.) Nov 19-1
Western Europe. July 8-1
Western European Union. Oct 15-4; Feb 18-1; Mar 4-5; July 22-4
Whittaker, Charles. Mar 18-4
Wiley, Alexander. Apr 29-7
Wilson, Charles. Feb 11-4
Wisconsin. July 29-4
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Yemen. Dec 3-7; Jan 21-4
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Zhukov, Georgi. July 22-3
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